

Washington Proceedings

YESTERDAY

(Aug. 18, 1960)

THE PRESIDENT

Met with National Security Council.
Nominated Gen. George H. Decker to be Army Chief of Staff.

Played golf at Burning Tree Club.

THE SENATE

Passed minimum-wage bill, 69 to 31.

Heard Senator Byrd of Virginia criticize Democratic platform's labor plank.

Adjourned at 5:49 P. M.

THE HOUSE

Met briefly and adjourned at 12:38 P. M.

Departments & Agencies

Postponed meeting of high

military commanders con-

tinued

SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

(Aug. 19, 1960)

President Eisenhower sees Chairman McCone of A. E. C., 9 A. M.

Closing session of meeting of American Pharmaceutical Association, Shoreham and Sheraton Park Hotels, 9 A. M.

House meets at noon.

Senate meets at 10:30 A. M.

Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee hears

C. A. J. Director of the

Atomic Energy Commission

discuss report on the

status of the

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WATER RECOVERS K SPACE CAPSULE

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in the ocean about 330 miles north-northwest of Honolulu. A helicopter took off from the U. S. N. S. Histi Victory and picked up the capsule at 10:25 P. M. Eastern daylight time.

The capsule will be taken by the ship to Hawaii and then flown to the West Coast for analysis. For this flight it was heavily instrumented in an attempt to discover why repeated previous attempts at recovery had failed.

Maj. Gen. O. J. Rittland, commander of the Ballistic Missile Division, reported from Vandenberg Air Force Base that the recovered capsule was in "very good shape with no damage."

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The ejection and re-entry sequence went exactly as planned, he said. The capsule landed within the recovery area—a strip sixty miles wide and 200 miles long—north of Hawaii. Attempts to recover the capsule in mid-air were frustrated by heavy broken cloudy conditions over the recovery area.

At a Pentagon news conference tonight, Lieut. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, head of the Air Research and Development Command, hailed the achievement as a "real historic event" that "will go down as a significant milestone in the space age."

General Schriever said the successful recovery would "very definitely" speed up development of the Samos reconnaissance satellite and the Midas early warning satellite.

He noted that the objective of the Discoverer project was to test the components and techniques to be used in these two satellites.

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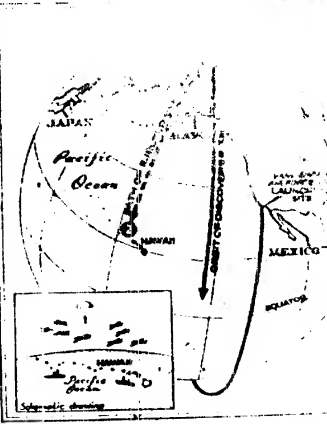
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RECOVERY: Capsule from Discoverer satellite, over the north Pacific (1), was recovered off Hawaii.

Capsule First Object To Return From Orbit

The first object to return from orbit was the capsule from the Discoverer XIII satellite.

The capsule was launched on August 11, 1959, and was in orbit for about 14 days.

The capsule was launched from the Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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